CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) Procedure for pressed joint connections of components with at least one plate, the procedure comprising a punch passing through a die opening of a base element of a die first, without transecting, the plate clinches it, and then, a deep-drawn plate material compresses, under plastic deformation of said material, between the punch and base surface of the die perpendicular to the axial direction, and counter to a force of elastically yielding wall sections of the die, the radially compressed plate material, in order to create a connection, undercuts the non-deep-drawn areas of the plate, wherein between the yielding wall sections of the die opening there are wall sections securely attached to the base element of the die and the yielding wall sections are displaceable to a surface running parallel to the displacement direction and pass uninterrupted to the base surface, wherein the radial path of the yielding wall sections is rigidly limited at an outward point, to ~~achieve a seal~~limit outward movement, and an additional step of further compression ~~and consequent~~creating arrested cold work hardening of the compressed ~~and crushed~~ material, said arrested cold work hardening occurring after traversing a predetermined distance.

2. (Canceled) Method, in particular, according to claim 1, wherein the radial path of the yielding wall sections, is rigidly limited to achieve a seal and consequent hardening of the compressed and crushed material, upon traversing a predetermined distance.

3. (Previously presented) Method, according to claim 1, wherein the limit of the radial path, viewed across the perimeter of the die, is variously modifiable, or varies in size such that various hardnesses can be achieved during cold forming.

4. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the punch at least that part inserted into the die opening remains as a "lost punch" in that the section inserted in the die opening remains in the insertion opening in a rivet-like and form-fit manner.